

## **MINUTES**

### **City Council**

**Tuesday, January 19, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Holder welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Devotional & Pledge of Allegiance:** Councilmember Bethune offered the opening prayer and Mayor Holder invited everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Holder said City Council held a Pre-Agenda Session prior to tonight's meeting. He said no decisions were made during the pre-agenda session.

**Roll Call:**

**Members Present:** Mayor Tennyson Holder presided. City Council Members: Don Bethune, Gwyn Hall, Bowen Jones, Bessie Kicklighter, Durward Motes, Judy Shuman and Jimmy Spilliards.

**Staff Present:** Brian Johnson, City Manager; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Clara Rouse, Finance Director; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Ben Brengman, IS/IT Director; Nathan Mai-Lombardo, Planning Director; David Lyons, Chief of Police; Jimmy Crosby, Fire Chief; Randall Griffin, Public Works Director; Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director and Cliff Ducey, Parks & Recreation Director.

**City Council Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes dated 12/7/09.

Mayor Holder recognized County Commissioner Priscilla Thomas.

Ms. Thomas said it is a pleasure to be here and thanked council for the forthcoming honors. She said I have 65 years of volunteer service to the City. She said I am working on a documentary of Garden City then and now and would like to ask anyone who would like to participate in the documentary to contact me. She said I would like for as many people as possible to take part in the documentary.

Ms. Thomas said the County will begin the budget hearings soon.

**Staff Reports:**

Planning Director presented the year-end report for the Planning & Economic Development Department.

Human Resources Director presented the year-end report for the Human Resources Department.

Finance Director presented the year-end report for the Finance Director.

**Staff Reports (Continued):**

Information Technology Director presented the year-end report for the Information Technology Department.

Parks & Recreation Director presented the year-end report for the Parks & Recreation Department.

Public Works Director presented the year-end report for the Public Works Department.

Water Operations Director presented the year-end report for the Water Operations Department.

Fire Chief presented the year-end report for the Fire Department.

Police Chief presented the year-end report for the Police Department.

City Manager said I will be giving the State of the City Address at the February 1, 2010, council meeting.

City Manager said the road renaming ceremonies will be held on February 13, 2010.

**Items for Consideration:**

**Second Reading, Zoning Map Amendment:** Clerk of Council read for the second reading an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance and map of Garden City, Georgia, as amended; to rezone certain properties owned by Helen A. Miltiades, Jimmy Morris, Amy Zipperer, and Corbin C. Zipperer, to a mixed use or "M" zoning classification; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Councilmember Kicklighter made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Shuman to adopt the rezoning ordinance on the second reading. Councilmember Bethune, Councilmember Hall, Councilmember Kicklighter, Councilmember Motes, Councilmember Shuman, Councilmember Spilliards voted in favor with Councilmember Jones opposed.

**Appointment of Mayor Pro-tem:**

Mayor Holder opened the floor for nominations for Mayor Pro-tem.

Councilmember Kicklighter made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hall to nominate Councilmember Shuman as Mayor Pro-tem.

Councilmember Bethune made a motion, seconded Councilmember Motes to nominate Councilmember Jones as Mayor Pro-tem.

Mayor Holder called for the vote to elect a Mayor Pro-tem.

Councilmember Hall, Councilmember Kicklighter, Councilmember Shuman and Mayor Holder voted in favor to elect Councilmember Shuman as Mayor Pro-tem with Councilmember Bethune, Councilmember Jones, Councilmember Motes and Councilmember Spilliards opposed.

Councilmember Bethune, Councilmember Jones, Councilmember Motes and Councilmember Spilliards voted in favor to elect Councilmember Jones as Mayor Pro-tem with Councilmember Hall, Councilmember Kicklighter, Councilmember Shuman and Mayor Holder opposed.

Mayor Holder said we have a tie and asked the City Attorney how to proceed.

City Attorney said since you have a stalemate, you can just move on to the next item on the agenda.

Councilmember Bethune asked can we come back and vote later on Mayor Pro-tem.

City Attorney said you can consider the Mayor Pro-tem appointment at another meeting.

**Appointment of President of City Council:**

Mayor Holder opened the floor for nominations for President of City Council.

Councilmember Hall made motion, seconded by Councilmember Shuman to nominate Councilmember Kicklighter as President of City Council.

Councilmember Bethune made motion, seconded by Councilmember Motes to nominate Councilmember Jones as President of City Council.

Mayor Holder called for the vote to elect a President of City Council.

Councilmember Hall, Councilmember Kicklighter, Councilmember Shuman, Councilmember Spilliards and Mayor Holder voted in favor to elect Councilmember Kicklighter as President of Council with Councilmember Bethune, Councilmember Jones and Councilmember Motes opposed.

Councilmember Bethune, Councilmember Jones, and Councilmember Motes voted in favor to elect Councilmember Jones as President of City Council with Councilmember Hall, Councilmember Kicklighter, Councilmember Shuman, Councilmember Spilliards and Mayor Holder opposed.

Mayor Holder said let the record show Councilmember Kicklighter is our new President of City Council.

**Appointment of Municipal Court Judge:**

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Shuman, City Council voted unanimously to appoint Tom Edenfield as Municipal Court Judge.

**Appointment of City Attorney:**

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Hall, City Council voted unanimously to appoint James P. Gerard as City Attorney.

**Appointment of Clerk of Council:**

Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Shuman, City Council voted unanimously to appoint Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles as Clerk of Council.

**Adjournment:** Upon motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Spilliards, City Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

**Transcribed by Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council**

**Adopted: February 1, 2010**

